

The 130th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association convened at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 1999, at the Cow Palace in Lamar, Colorado with President Milton Rink presiding.

Joe Kasza gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. Jan Gehlhausen then welcomed our group to Lamar.

Fred Lombardi of Colorado Beef Council explained to the group how our beef check-off money is being spent and answered questions on the proposed referendum of the beef check-off. Bill Wootten presented Mr. Lombardi with an "L" as a token from the Lamar Chamber of Commerce.

Virgie Robb, president of Southeast Colorado Cattlegirls, gave the group an overview of that organizations activities throughout the past year. She mentioned about the microwave beef which the Cattlegirls's goal is to get these items in our local grocery stores. The Cattlegirls served us a sample during our break so everyone could get a taste of this item. Kimmi Lewis of Arkansas Valley Cattlegirls reported about their organization. She gave a tribute to Pam Miller.

Summer Osborne, President of the Southeast Colo. Junior Cattlemen Association, reported on the new officers and on their planned activities for the coming year. She stated Dr. Don Wagner was their speaker.

Doyle Davidson of the Colorado Boys Ranch thanked all the cattlemen, cattlegirls, and junior cattlemen for their support of the ranch. He mentioned that the ranch would have its 40th birthday on May 11, 1999.

Kent Lebsack, CCA Executive vice president then spoke to the group. He talked about different bills from the legislative issues. Colorado Cattlemens Association supported Bill 1229 about endangered species. They need all cattlemen to call their legislatures on bill 1229. Senate bill 111 on the prairie dog is on the governor's desk. CCA supported this bill. Kent explained tax bills #1002, 1016, and 1155. He explained the "Right to Farm" bill.

Freeman Lester, CCA President, discussed the Lynx issue. He talked about the Country of Origin Labeling bill. Freeman mentioned that the State Convention will be held June 21-23 at Crested Butte. CCA will have a reverse raffle with the tickets being \$20.00 for a trip to National Finals Rodeo the last weekend of the finals.

Joe Corum represented the state brand board. He mentioned that 192,000 plus had been inspected.

Jeff Yost, DOW officer, mentioned there would be a series of meetings for "Ranch Conversations Meetings" with dates of April 13 at Campo and April 14 in Lamar.

Kimmi Lewis discussed the contest of the lynx issue. She also stated there would be a meeting on March 18th at 7p.m. at the Cow Palace about the declining deer numbers.

Being no further reports to be given, President, Milton Rink called the business meeting to order.

Bill Gray made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Steve McEndree. Motion carried.

As there was no old business to act on, Kerry Hartshorn gave the Audit Committee Report. Bill Gray made a motion that the audit report be accepted. Doug Hasser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Budget for 1999 was presented. Steve Ptolemy made a motion that we accept the budget. Doug Hasser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The banking summary was given. Steve Ptolemy made a motion that we accept the banking summary. Seconded by Bill Gray. Motion carried.

The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report was given by Steve Ptolemy. Steve McEndree moved and Hans Hasser seconded that we accept the Endowment Trust report. Motion carried.

Steve McEndree, Nominating Committee Chairman, then presented the list of officers and directors nominated for the 1999 Board of Directors. They were as follows:

President-Bruce Fickenscher

1st Vice President - Bill Gray

2nd Vice President - Kerry Hartshorn

Secretary/Treasurer - Jo Ann McEndree

Past Presidents- Milton Rink, David Mendenhall & Hans Hasser

Prowers County Directors - Dale Seuffer, Marilyn Pettinger, Billy Downen, and David Holden

Bent County Directors - Joe Kasza, Lori Chase, Dave Miller & Dave Turner

Baca County Directors - Steve McEndree, Keith VanCampen & Sam Mundell

Kiowa County Directors - Greg Shalberg, Dale Butler & John Negley

Otero County Directors - Chi Bond, Ross Nielsen, & Karren Turner


Doug Hasser moved that we accept these nominations by acclamation.

Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Gray, resolutions chairman, read the resolutions that we had written up. John Smartt moved and Kimmi Lewis seconded the motion to accept resolutions #1. Motion carried. Steve McEndree moved and Doug Hasser seconded the motion to accept resolution #2. Motion carried. Doug Hasser moved and Steve Ptolemy seconded the motion to accept resolution #3. Motion carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo Ann McEndree
Secretary

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: The private landowner feeds and provides the habitat for the majority of wildlife in the State of Colorado with no form of appreciation or compensation.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: we the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association support and encourage the Colorado General Assembly to direct the Colorado Division of Wildlife to reimburse the landowner for the habitat the landowner provides for the wildlife on private property. The reimbursement will not be burdened with any government strings and will not carry any restrictions on what species of wildlife they provide for.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS: Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports the concept of conservation easement and other easement as a way of preserving and passing on agricultural land to future generations.

WHEREAS: Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is not in support of more government intervention, and more taxes on the private sector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is opposed to any form of taxation for conservation easement.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS: the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association membership met in Lamar, Colorado for their Annual Meeting on March 13, 1999.

WHEREAS: the members are respectful of other local cattlemen's issues and concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is opposed to any acquisition of private lands by any government agency.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS: Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association with us and we are saddened by their absence.

WHEREAS: We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.